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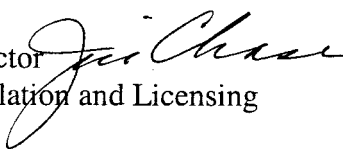
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TO: Group Foster Home Licensees

FROM: Jill Chase, Director   
Bureau of Regulation and Licensing

RE: HFS 57, Group Foster Care (Group Homes) for Children  
Revised Rule, Effective January 1, 2006

I am pleased to send you the enclosed copy of the revised Administrative Rule HFS 57, Group Foster Care for Children. The revised rule will be effective January 1, 2006. You may also access this rule through the Bureau of Regulation and Licensing (BRL) web page:  
[http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/rl\\_dcfs/INDEX.HTM](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/rl_dcfs/INDEX.HTM).

As explained in the August 18<sup>th</sup> memo, there is a delay between publication of the rule and the effective date of January 1, 2006 to allow time for you to become familiar with the new rule and to attend training.

BRL will be conducting two training sessions in November. Enclosed are registration forms and directions. You may attend the session on November 2, 2005 at the Country Springs Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) in Stevens Point or the session on November 8, 2005 at the Olympia Resort and Conference Center in Oconomowoc. The registration information is also posted on the BRL web site. Please note the deadline of October 24 for registrations.

You may continue to refer to the BRL web page for additional information related to the implementation of the revised rule. For example, existing forms are being revised and new forms developed to assist you in meeting the rule requirements. An annotated version of the rule (which will be included in the training session materials) will be available through the web page after the conclusion of the training sessions.

Again, I want to thank everyone who contributed to the considerable effort to update this rule. Please contact your regional licensing staff or BRL central office at (608)266-9314 if you have any questions.

cc Licensing Staff  
Other Interested Parties